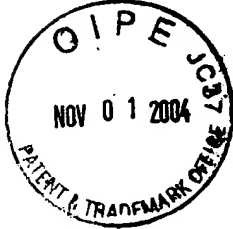


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In response to the Official Action mailed July 29, 2004, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner reconsider the rejections of the Claims in view of the this reply.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows.

Please replace the first paragraph of page 10 with:

~~Preferred embodiments~~ An embodiment of the present invention ~~are]]~~ is illustrated in the ~~FIGURES~~ FIGURE, like numerals being used to refer to like and corresponding parts of the ~~various drawings~~ drawing.

Please replace the first full paragraph of page 12, beginning on line 6 with:

Connecting two or more SANs together using an extender protocol, such as the encapsulation protocol of this invention, requires mapping the local address of each SCSI device on one SAN to an intermediate address to get the extender, and then mapping each intermediate address into a remote address on the remote SAN. This mapping is required to allow initiators on one SAN to address SCSI devices on the remote SAN as if they were SCSI

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